

# ***Bravo Regulars***



**B Company 3/22**



***Vietnam Service***

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## President's Message

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Greetings Bravo Brothers,

Here we are heading into the fall of 2021, and regrettably the COVID-19 pandemic is still with us. In late August, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration finally officially approved the Pfizer vaccine. Final FDA approval of the Moderna and J&J vaccines should follow promptly in the period ahead.

If official FDS approval has been holding you or family members back from getting the vaccine, now is the time to revisit that decision. For those of us that have received the vaccine, booster shots are being planned to strengthen existing immunity. As always, discuss your options with your doctor.

The ongoing pandemic forced us to cancel our reunions planned for June 2020 and June 2021. (Hats off to Bob Best, our Goldsboro host, for persevering through it all.) As mentioned in our June newsletter, the Board of the Bravo Regulars has taken on responsibility for planning and hosting future reunions. The good news is we are making excellent progress with plans for 2022.

We now have a firm date, June 1-5 in 2022, and have locked in a location. We will once again host the reunion in veteran-friendly Branson, Missouri, at the Radisson Hotel. Geographically, Branson is in middle America and so will hopefully draw in members from both coasts and around the country.

The reunion planning committee reports to the Bravo Board and includes me, along with Pam Adams, Jim Adams' better half. Jim and Pam, residents of Mexico, MO, hosted our highly successful 2018 reunion in Branson. We are grateful to have Pam serve as our on-the-ground reunion coordinator, working with Branson Tourism, the hotel and other vendors and service providers.

In the pages that follow, you will find a preliminary schedule of reunion activities, along with a 2022 Reunion Registration Form. Also, please see the Reunion Update section of this newsletter for other information that will help you plan your June 2022 visit to Branson.

Come next June, it will be four years since our last reunion. Let's all think positive about finally seeing an end to a deadly pandemic that may have contributed to the deaths of friends, family and acquaintances. It has certainly disrupted all our daily lives.

For those of you who enjoyed our 2018 Reunion in Branson, share your positive experience with members who were unable to attend in 2018. Encourage them to register for Branson 2022. We may be getting up in years, but we are all still young enough to enjoy a good time with old friends.

Apologies to anyone that tried to use the links in our June 2021 newsletter to view the video tributes to the nine Bravo Brothers memorialized on Westlake High School's Virtual Vietnam Memorial page. The links have changed. If you click on the link below or copy it into your web browser, it will take you to the search page for the school's Virtual Vietnam Memorial.

<https://2105401.mediaspace.kaltura.com/category/Virtual+Vietnam+Memorial/81478061>

Once at the search box, type in the last name of one of the nine veterans. This will give you a limited number of choices. Then match and click on the veteran's full name and the video tribute should begin.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Art' with a stylized flourish.

## **Reunion Update**

On behalf of the Bravo Board and the 2022 Bravo Reunion Committee, we are excited to have the Bravo Regulars return once again to Branson, Missouri.

The reunion will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Branson. For planning purposes, our reunion will begin Wednesday, June 1, and end Sunday, June 5, 2022. There will be a Hospitality Room open daily from 8:00 a.m. until the last Bravo Member has left the room. This is a time to enjoy shared memories or catch up on what has happened in your lives over the decades that have passed since Vietnam.

In the pages that follow, you will find a preliminary schedule of planned activities, along with a registration form for the 2022 Reunion. We would urge you to complete the registration form and make your hotel reservations at your earliest convenience. Please refer to the accompanying preliminary schedule for the timing of various activities and group meetings.

Thus far, there are two events being planned, including a Music Show at one of Branson's many entertainment venues and a dinner cruise on Table Rock Lake aboard the Showboat Branson Belle. Other tours or events may be added.

There is no lack of things to do in and around Branson. The December issue of this newsletter will highlight some of the many attractions and entertainment venues available to visitors.

### **Hotel Reservations**

The daily room rate for this reunion will be \$120.60 (tax inclusive) for single and double occupancy. Remember, should you decide to arrive early or stay an extra day or more in Branson, the special Bravo Reunion room rate will be available. Payment is required at the time of booking.

Hotel reservations for the Bravo reunion package can be made online at [www.mybransoneventplanner.com](http://www.mybransoneventplanner.com). Go to the website and enter the required information for **Tour # 28270, Keyword: BRAVO**. You can also phone in your hotel reservation by calling 1-800-268-4014, Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

**Reservation Deadline is April 20, 2022.** Reservations made after the deadline will be accepted based on availability and cannot be guaranteed.

### **For Those Flying In**

The closest airport is in Springfield, Missouri, which is about one hour from Branson. Uber is available, if needed. Missouri also has major airports in St. Louis and Kansas City. However, both airports are from 3-5 hours away from Branson by car.

**PRELIMINARY**

**2022 Bravo Reunion Schedule of Events**

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

- 8:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens—all day check-in and placement of raffle baskets and other items
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 5:30 p.m. Welcome by Bravo Leadership with reception (food), fellowship and friends

Thursday, June 2, 2022

- 6:00 a.m. Hotel complimentary breakfast until 9:00 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens for the day
- 8:30 a.m. Free time and fellowship, shopping
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 2:00 p.m. Music Show (\$35 group rate pending) in downtown Branson.  
***Transportation not provided.***
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner and fellowship

Friday, June 3, 2022

- 6:00 a.m. Hotel complimentary breakfast until 9:00 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens for the day
- 9:00 a.m. Free time for friendship and shopping
- 2:30 p.m. Board bus for Dinner Cruise. Bus will transport you back to the hotel after the cruise (the cost of this is \$50 per person, which includes R/T transportation, entertainment, and dinner)

Saturday, June 4, 2018

- 6:00 a.m. Hotel complimentary breakfast until 9:00 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens for the day
- 10:00 a.m. Board and Membership Meetings (followed by photo opportunities)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Provided
- 1:45 p.m. Memorial Service
- 2:45 p.m. Raffle drawing and time to be with friends old and new
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner and entertainment

The hotel room rate will be from Wednesday night to Saturday night with check-out at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Check-in is at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.



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**BRAVO REGULAR 2022 REUNION**  
**JUNE 1 – 5, 2022**  
**BRANSON, MISSOURI**  
**REGISTRATION FORM AND INFORMATION NEEDED**

Registration Fee: \$100.00 per Person

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Vietnam Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service in RVN: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date Reunion: \_\_\_\_\_ Depart Reunion: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday PM offering: Music Show : # attending \_\_\_\_\_

Friday PM offering: Dinner Cruise : # attending \_\_\_\_\_

REUNION Shirts: \$30.00 each SIZE: S M L XL XXL XXXL (Circle Size) Number ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

REUNION Hats: \$20.00 Number ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging information: Radisson Hotel: \$120.60 per/room per/night, Single or Double: reservation can be made by calling Branson Tourism Bureau at 1-800-268-4014 or 1-417-334-8325. Mention Bravo Reunion for rate. Branson Tourism Bureau will also help with camping areas needs as well as air fare to Reunion. Room Reservations need to be made by April 20, 2022 to ensure you receive the Bravo Reunion Room Rate**

Reservations can also be made online at [www.mybransoneventplanner.com](http://www.mybransoneventplanner.com): Tour # 28270. Key Word: BRAVO.

Please be advised that your credit card will be charged for the Full Stay, 72 business hours following making your reservation.

Please complete this form, make checks payable to Bravo Reunion 2022 and mail to Pam Adams, 17278 Highway HH, Mexico, Missouri 65265 by May 25, 2022. Information can also be emailed to [pammyanny@msn.com](mailto:pammyanny@msn.com). Phone numbers: 573-581-6824 or Pam's cell phone: 573-253-5974.



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## Association Business

Financial Report Income and Expense		
June 1, 2021 Balance		\$17,111.65
<u>Income</u>		
Dues		
Total Income		\$17,111.65
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bank Charge	\$ 5.00	
Refund Checks	2,285.00	
Newsletter	354.53	
Website Update	35.00	
Domain Monthly Fee	63.21	
Total Expenses	\$2,742.74	
Aug. 31, 2021 Balance		\$14,368.91
Outstanding Refund		
Checks	\$970.00	\$13,398.91

### Dues Notice

It's that time again to send in your dues, On behalf of the organization's officers, thank you for your support. Although from looking at the financial report it may appear that we are doing pretty well, there is a reunion coming up and we can do more with a little cash. Thanks for all your support.

*John Otte, Treasurer*

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### Bravo 3/22 Dues Invoice

Dues Period Sept. 2021 through August 2022  
Annual Dues \$35.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Send dues to:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bravo 3/22  
1037 Koleeta Drive  
Harbor City, CA  
90710-1819

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Platoon/Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Tour Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

A self-addressed  
envelope is enclosed.

All dues are completely voluntary and are used only to support the activities of the group.



## Editor's Notes

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Welcome back Bravo Brothers! I hope this finds all of you well.

The 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion is still on (as of September 1) for September 30-October 3, 2021. The cut-off date for special hotel rates was September 1, but they will still squeeze you in if you want to attend.

The 55th reunion for the Battle of Suoi Tre is still on for March 17 to 22, 2022, in Colorado Springs. They plan to have speakers and special events to keep everyone busy. They also are asking for photos or other mementos of the battle for display. Interested members should contact **Paige Lanier**, FO 2/77 Arty—Home: 719-597-6527, Cell: 719-330-6638, Email: paigermm@msm.com; **Bill King**, C 2/22 Inf—Home: 748-8219, Cell: 719-494-3590, Email: billkingsouitre@aol.com; or **Jerry Cupp**—Cell: 719-493-2530, Email: Cupp,jerry@yahoo.com.

I had an email exchange with Ken Pottmeyer (6/69-4/70) in which the term 'Original' was discussed. Excerpts from the exchange are on the Bulletin Board.

With sadness, I must inform you of the passing of three of our Bravo Brothers. They are Donald Roberts (1st. Platoon—8/70-4/71), Harold 'Bud' Maladore (3rd. Platoon—7/68-69) and Richard Linnemann (Commo—9/66-67 Original). Available information is on the Bulletin Board.

We have moved four members to the inactive list due to their contact information no longer being valid. They are Walter Belz (3rd Platoon—11-69/70), Frank Hipps (3rd Platoon—4-67/68), Roberto Rivera (4th Platoon Sgt.—1/68-8/68) and Cora Johnson (Honorary Member, widow of David Van Johnson, who passed away in 2018.)

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. Our next newsletter will be out in December and we will be accepting input through the end of November. Until then, may peace be with you.

*Dave out*

## BULLETIN BOARD

**Submitted by Ken Pottmeyer (6/69-4/70)**

I hear the label 'Original' quite often. What does that mean? **Editor's response:** Ken, it refers to those of us who were with the 4th ID stateside and deployed with the division to RVN. The 4th ID was reactivated on 1 Jan. 66 at Fort Lewis, WA. While we went through Basic, AIT, and Guerilla Warfare training, a total of 8 months, the Division was built. We deployed together on 25 Sept. 66. Our Bravo Company took all the top honors during the first half of our training and was selected to be the Guerillas during the 4 months of that training, as well as Advance Party for the Brigade at deployment. We flew over and went to work while the others went by ship. This combination of events meant that we were much better trained and had a stronger sense of comradery than the replacements to follow or even the rest of the Brigade.

**Submitted by Editor—Obituaries****Donald E. Roberts, 68 (1st. Platoon—8/70-4/71)**

Donald Roberts of Rantoul went to be with the Lord on October 24, 2018 at the VA Illiana Health Care System, Danville. He was born July 28, 1950 in Portland, Oregon, a son of Carl and Betty Lou (Lippincott) Roberts. He married Brenda Severins on March 1, 1980, in St. Louis. She survives. Don graduated from Rantoul Township High School. He then entered the U.S. Army and served during Vietnam. He worked in the warehouse of Eisner, Eagle Wings, and then retired from Kraft. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking and showing dogs. He was a softball coach for many years and truly enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

**Harold 'Bud' Muladore, 73 (3rd. Platoon—7/68-69)**

Bud Muladore of Wilmington passed away unexpectedly on April 11, 2021. He was born on June 17, 1947 in Wilmington. Bud was a Vietnam veteran who served two tours of duty. He served with Bravo Company from 1968 to 1969 and then with 118th Battalion from 1969-1970 as a helicopter pilot and flew the Bandit 5. Bud retired from SAIC in 2014. He enjoyed playing golf, flying model planes, woodworking and spending time with his grandkids. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Verda Baker Muladore.

**Richard Thomas Linnemann, 78 (Commo—9/66-67 Original)**

Richard passed away July 15, 2021 at his home in Alexandria, VA. Richard was born in Durham, NC on September 18, 1943, the third child of Calvin and Adelia Linnemann. He grew up in Burlington, NC, and graduated from Walter Williams High School. Richard continued his education at Duke University. He never lost his enjoyment of Duke football and basketball games. He signed up to go to the Vietnam War. He was awarded several awards: The National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and a Bronze Star. He earned the Bronze Star for his bravery there. In a battle, Richard risked his life to refill the ammunition for fellow soldiers under intense gunfire. His Bravo Company Regulars, (3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry), was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for Extraordinary Heroism in Military Operations Against an Armed Enemy, at Suoi Tre, Republic of Vietnam, 21 March 1967. After his return from the war, Richard went to Law School and became a Labor Relations Lawyer at the U.S. Dept. of Immigration and Naturalization. He had a long career dealing with labor issues in the U.S. Government.